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Whereas, Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th president of the United States in November 1860;

Whereas, The presidency of Abraham Lincoln was marked by numerous events that would be forever remembered in history;

Whereas, During his presidency, a Civil War was waged, and was won by Union troops, and the United States was preserved;

Whereas, On May 20, 1862, President Lincoln signed the Homestead Act allowing an American citizen to claim 160 acres of western lands to own and farm;

Whereas, On July 1, 1862, during his Presidency, Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act allowing the construction of the transcontinental railroad connecting the east and west coasts;

Whereas, On July 2, 1862, Lincoln signed the Morrill Act, also known as the Land Grant College Act, allowing higher education for all citizens;

Whereas, On May 15, 1862, President Lincoln created the United States Department of Agriculture to serve the



country's agriculture interests;

Whereas, On March 3, 1863, President Lincoln signed the National Banking Act, which created a system of National Banks and a uniform national currency;

Whereas, That during his presidency on January 1, 1863, he signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which ended slavery in those states in rebellion, and supported the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which passed the Senate on April 8, 1864, and the House of Representatives on January 31, 1865; this permanently ended legal slavery in the United States after ratification, making Lincoln the first American president in history to publicly announce that he favored voting rights for African Americans;

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln made the ultimate sacrifice for the country he loved, dying from an assassin's bullet on April 15, 1865;

Whereas, Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, stated upon Lincoln's last breath, "Now he belongs to the ages";

Whereas, April 15, 2015, is the 150th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln and the beginning of his legacy to the ages; and

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln's legacy consists of monuments, memorials, schools, colleges, currency, books, streets, avenues, U.S. naval vessels, tunnels, zoos, counties, automobiles, parks, a state capital, forts, cemeteries, stamps, and more: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly encourages all the
- 2 citizens of Indiana to help prepare the next generation of Hoosiers by
- 3 visiting memorials, reading books, and discussing the legacy of
- 4 Abraham Lincoln so that he indeed continues to belong to the ages.

